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POLL DISPROVES "STUDENT ESTIMATES"

A poll concerning drug usage was conducted recently by The Bull. Students in each homeroom were given a questionnaire concerning drug usage both in school and out.

Three "no comment" polls were received as well as 49 responses that could be stamped invalid.

Of the students who were questioned, 841 said that they had tried marijuana while 743 said that they had not done so.

Of the 1,369 who said they did not use marijuana on a regular basis, 191 said they used it once or a few times a month; 165 claimed they used marijuana only when they were with others who were using it; 81 claimed they used it only at parties or concerts. One hundred and twenty-five students said they used marijuana under different circumstances.

One hundred and ninety-two students said that they did not presently use marijuana on a regular basis but have done so in the past.

Harder drugs such as downs, THC, speed, mescaline, or LSD was, as indicated by the poll, in less use than marijuana. Two hundred and eighty-two students said they had used harder drugs, 37 on a regular basis, while 1,273 said they had never used harder drugs.

Fifty-four students claimed that they had used heroin or crystal meth. Ten claimed to have used

them on a regular basis.

Of the 229 students who said they had used drugs while in school, 46 claimed that they often did so. One hundred and twenty-three claimed that they had used drugs other than marijuana while in school.

Concerning those drugs bought within the school during the past three years, marijuana was the leading seller, with little over 200 purchases claimed. THC was the next best selling drug at PHS. The sales of hashish, mescaline, downs, speed, and LSD were approximately half that of marijuana--fewer sales being made of each respectively. The purchasing of heroin and crystal meth was even lower.

One thousand, one hundred and forty-three students said they had never bought drugs within the school.

Of those who claimed to have used some type of drug, seven responded as having begun while in grammar school, 286 while in junior high, and 331 while in high school.

Eighty-three students who claimed to have used some type of drug failed to answer the question.

Peggy Powell

Senior Week Nears

Seniors who have not already done so and are anxious to invade the Northeastern Seaboard may be pleasantly surprised to note that Friday, May 18th is their last official class day.

With no days to be made up for snow, Senior exams will start the following Monday, May 21st, and continue through Thursday, May 24th.

Any Senior with an 85% or above average in any subject may be exempt from taking an exam. Graduation practice, beginning immediately after exams will continue through Thursday, May 24th. A cook-out will also

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SHOPPE OPENS

"The Shoppe", whose purpose is to raise money for the Senior scholarship fund, is located on Main Street in A House. It's open before school and every fourth period.

Some of the articles on sale are bought from companies and then sold to the students, but many are made by the kids themselves. Anyone who has anything to sell should bring it to the store. If the student council votes to do so, they will buy a quantity of goods from the student, then resell them in the Shoppe. Although the scholarship fund makes a profit, the items in the store are sold at low prices.

A variety of items are sold in the Shoppe, such as candles, zodiac posters, zodiac cards, book covers, posters, Tanner specialties, Bruins items and even some

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editorials and letters to the editor

PUBLIC APATHY

Today, with society's many intricacies, some people claim that the majority of our citizens do not care. To an extent, it was thought apathy did exist in this country, but not to the degree that was discovered.

On the afternoon of January ninth, the Bill of Rights was copied from the Constitution of the United States onto what was said to be an endorsement of people's unalienable rights, those rights to which they were entitled. The incidents that followed as a result of this endeavor were quite interesting, to say the least. The far majority of people pushed the petition away, and things got so sticky that the petitioners were almost arrested by a security officer in front of the Ann and Hope Dept. store at the Liberty Tree Mall, in Danvers.

The number of people approached was limited to approximately one hundred so it would be easy to break down this number into percents. Of the group that was approached, about forty percent weren't interested and wouldn't even consider reading the so-called petition.

Altogether four signatures were obtained, a mere four percent of the people that were approached. Two of these four knew what they were signing and one of these even wrote that they had seen them (The Bill of Rights) before.

Approximately fifty percent of the people questioned didn't understand the wording or said

the reading was too complicated. Four percent of the people did not agree with the provisions and finally two percent stated the document was "too radical" for them to sign.

Two people were so uneducated about government that they didn't know what the Bill of Rights looked like.

On the afternoon that the project was started, one of Ann and Hope's plain clothes detectives practically attacked the two questioners and told them that they would be arrested if they did not leave the premises. When they tried to explain just what their work entailed they told the officer

that the petition was The Bill of Rights, he said, "I don't care about rights. Since the two did not wish to be arrested, they left without any trouble.

A letter was sent to the store manager demanding an apology from the store detective involved. Several days later a copy of a Supreme Court decision that contradicted the rights in the petition was received from Ann & Hope.

The Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision decided said political activity would be banned in parking lots of shopping centers and they would no longer be considered public places.

By doing a small project on public apathy it has been discovered that people don't realize their constitutional rights are slowly being diminished by overly complicated Supreme Court rulings.

REBUTTAL

The Peabody Times, in a recent series, has proclaimed to the public a drug abuse problem of major proportions at Peabody High. In an effort to uncover the real situation, we, the members of The Bull, ran a student poll on drugs.

The results of this

poll are startlingly contrary to the claims of The Times. The results? A minimal drug problem in the school, consisting mainly of marijuana use outside the school, and a small number of students using anything harder.

We, of The Bull, feel

this poll is highly accurate; not because it is "good" news for us, but we feel that the poll was taken seriously by the students.

In light of these results, we call upon The Peabody Times to document their evidence or retract

their statements in order to help restore the damaged reputation of Peabody High.

We thank the students, faculty, and administration for their help in conducting this poll; we feel it has served its purpose.

UNFAIR SWIPING

To the Editor:

One thing really unfair in this school is the way artwork is swiped. You make something and spend a lot of time on it, and the next day it's gone. It's not much use to the person who takes it, so why bother?

One type of artwork most often taken is clay. The clay is usually stolen after it has been taken out of the kiln and left to cool.

If you have taken something and would like to return it, this would be greatly appreciated. Please return it to the room taken from just leave it--no questions asked.

Robin Miller '75

SUPPORT THE VETS

To the Editor:

I feel that not enough attention is being paid to returning servicemen. Every time you turn on the T.V., listen to the radio, pick up a magazine or read a newspaper, you're bombarded by the latest facts on returning POWs. Not just one or two, but every single one is photographed and interviewed. But in all the excitement, the ordinary, run-of-the-mill soldier is forgotten.

This is definitely a grave wrong. So what if they weren't "lucky" enough to be captured? They sacrificed a part of their lives just as the POW's

did, and they risked their lives in the same way. These men served their country just as ably as their captured comrades did; why is there such an aura around the POW?

It doesn't matter who volunteered and who didn't--this letter doesn't pretend to decide whether this war was immoral or not. (But just for the record, I'm a dove.) The fact is, drafted or volunteered, the men in khaki who served our country in the battlefield served her just as much as those who spent their time in prison. They should get the recognition they deserve.

Leslie Bistrowitz '75

STUDENT GRIPES

To the Editor:

I have a complaint about the physical education teachers. I feel that they should cut down on the amount of strenuous work we must do throughout the school year. They treat the students like slaves and force them to take what they do not like to do, namely calisthenics and sports which they do not particularly care for. Furthermore, I agree that if a student does not want to take gym during a year in high school, that student does not have to be ordered to take this particular course.

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Secondly, although I am a junior, I feel that Senior Lounge ought to have smoking privileges during periods one through seven, including lunch. If this was taken into consideration, I am positive that the lavatories would be much cleaner. You, the faculty, unit directors, and superiors, have probably had a "nicotine fit" at least during one school day, so, you know how we feel after 4th and 6th periods, and sometimes after every class. You don't trust us, I know, at least that's what you say, but give us a chance and you'll see that we are adults, not children, and we are capable of accepting responsibility.

Signed,
Sarge '71

STUDENTS PETITION

To the Editor:

The drama students of PVMHS have petitioned the Peabody School Committee to institute a major theatre arts course entitled Acting and Stagecraft that would begin next September. The students hope that the School Committee will see the need and desirability of this theatre course.

Since it is possible for advanced music and art classes to be taught in the high school, the students feel that there is an obligation to institute an advanced theatre class for students wishing to further their education in the theatre.

Andi Block

RESPECT SCHOOL

To the Editor:

I am sick and tired of the vandalism and sloppiness of this school. Windows are broken. Walls and doors are written on. Garbage and paper are strewn all the floor. The basements are filled with cigarette butts and smoke.

Please try to be proud of this school and keep it clean. Respect school property. It is taxes that pay for the repairs and, and in the end, it only hurts us.

Carol Lubow

ABORTION RULING FAVORED

To the Editor:

As I am sure many people are now aware, the U.S. Supreme Court recently legalized abortion. It seems that some people are not as happy about this decision as I am.

The courts ruled that:
1. During the first three months of pregnancy, abortion is strictly a matter to be decided between a woman and her doctor and must be "free of interference by the state."
2. After the third month, a state may regulate abortion procedures, but only in the interest of the pregnant woman's physical safety.
3. After the fetus becomes viable, about ten weeks prior to delivery, a state may prohibit abortion, except when a doctor de-

cides it is necessary to preserve the woman's physical or mental health.

I see nothing stating that a woman is forced to have an abortion. If a child will be unwanted or impossible to raise properly, I feel it should not have to be born. But that is the woman's decision. Why should her right to have or not have a child be infringed upon by someone else (someone who does not have to raise the child no less who thinks its immoral?

I think it's about time abortion became legal everywhere, now maybe so many children won't be put into an orphanage and people can have children because they want them.

Bobby Sadin

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be held during the week for all Seniors who have paid their class dues.

Tentatively scheduled for the Danversport Yacht Club, this year's Senior Banquet will be held on Monday, May 28th. There is no admission cost but all Seniors attending must have their class dues fully paid.

Juniors and Sophomores will have a somewhat longer wait for their vacation with school closing for them on June 20th.

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EVERYONE DESERVES A CHANCE

To the Editor:

Why is this school like San Quenton? No matter where you go in the whole school there are teachers in the corridors just like jail wardens. Most of the kids get treated like two year olds, some act it, but if teachers did not treat them like it they might not act it.

When you go to the library to get out of one of your boring studies you have to go and get a special white pass and to get those is like getting the "Hope Diamond" (impossible). Why can't a teacher just write a pass or give permission? Then when you finally get there your treated

like an idiot!!! If you just sit there you're guarded like being in solitary confinement for 45 minutes.

When you go to lunch, why can't you go outside if you don't want to eat? If the kids that left were back by the end of the lunch period and on time for their next class? Maybe if you tried some of this stuff some of the kids might change! Everyone deserves a change and how can they prove anything if they don't have a chance? If you tried it and it did not work, and it was taken away at least we couldn't say that you didn't try!

Linda Myers
"71"

COURSE ASKED

Recently when two prominent members of the community, Rabbis Abraham Morhaim and Burton Padoll, presented a plan for the implementation of Hebrew into the curriculum, the School Committee resisted. The School Committee was told that the School Department would be compelled to offer Hebrew if 20 students desired to take it, as provided for by state law. The School Committee promptly issued a motion to see if they could obtain an exception to this law.

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rabbit skins. In addition to these, there is a quantity of handcrafted items which is continually being added to by the student body.

Leslie Bistrowitz



To Linda,

Perquacky in the park
in the park for a lark in
an ark made of bark on at
Clark to make your mark
with a spark with an ard-
vaark. Hark!

Pig Perquackey

To Steve C.,

A bowl is what you put
cereal in. (moo)

S.T.,

If you weren't so cute,
you'd never get away with
it.

Gene,

I love you, but J.J.
would never approve.

L.B.

Ron,

I love you too, but
you'll have to cut out
all those extra-curricular
activities.

L.B.

Lost--a sterling silver
Gruen watch. Left on
sink in girls locker
room. Much sentimental
value; was my mother's.
Please return to Cheryl
Springman, B357. Thank
you.

A.B. thanks L.B.

Hey Cid,

How's Caesar?

a person

C.D.

Can't you keep your
eyes off the tall blonde?

X

Big Brother, HELP!!

Hey M.D.

Keep your distance.

M.J.C.

Portraits and other art-
work done very reasonably
priced. Contact Leslie
Bistrowitz at the Bull Of-
fice.

B.M.

You're so vain.

S.

M.S. and P.S.

Stop fighting in C.M.C.'s
History class.

B.S.A. HA HA HA

G.D.

I love you.

P.K.

R.

I think I love you.

S.

Soothsayer:

Beware of the Duce Road
Runners, 383 and HEMI.
(beep beep) HEMI

Hey, Herbie S.,

I used your name.

M.J.C.

Steve Carroll,

How's things at the
Nursing home?

The boys

Hello Linda?

I sure would like to
drive you to the dance
again, this time without
cousin Sherry and Dianne
L.

Bob L.

Pete V.,

I think you're crazy!

Harold,

You're sooo cute.

But Ed B. is the nicest
one of the bunch.

Personals



Please print personals in above
form and drop in Cafeteria box.

Mia,

Sorry that you have
to leave us.

Mary & Toni

Susan Fay,

Hi. I think you're
cute.

Love Gang

To those who believe the
rumor about the leading
lady in "Beckett"--I
want to make one thing
perfectly clear!!!
FALSE, GUYS!!!

J.M.,

What happened between
D.L. and you?

Mark T.,

You're so shy!! Make
an effort!!! Please!

J.

Hey Mighty Mouse,

Is it true that you
call Dexter a cry-baby?

Guess who?

To S.Q. of C House,

You never stood a
chance because you had
no heart--you hurt me
with your big brown eyes.
When there is no justice,
there is violence.

Hey Spitz,

What's happening?

Nothing heavy!

To Foot

The Drama Club loves
you.

E.B.- Ever think of beco-
ming an Alg. teacher? L.B.

Junior Prom--

Get your girl today!!

Contact Bull personnel.

To Hunka, (5th period)

I love you!

G.W.

Mark Kay,

How's Eddie?

M.B.

C.S.,

Long time one boy.

S.S.

Abie,

How's the blue light-
bulb. Start worrying,
I broke it.

S.M.S.

To the one and only Jewish
Leprechaun--quiet--or I'll
knock you over the head
with my shelleighlie.
Sorry 'bout the spelling,
begorrah, begorrah!!!

L.B.

Dick,

I love you so very
much!!

Carol

Ron B.

Enjoy and live every
minute. Learn to accept
people for what they are.
The world is beautiful a
and so are you.

Carol

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terested in Peabody's
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Hey M.K.K.,

How'd ya like the
dance?

L.A.S.

...stay tuned next week
to find out...Will Cheryl
Tibbetts make a fantastic
pass at David Fall and
try to make her lab partner
jealous? Will she make
eyes at Bruce Reilly in
back of her? Stay tuned
next week, Monday, 1st or
2nd period in A-205 for
our continuing story of...
Peyton Place!!!

P.S. Told you so.

C.,

Stop fixing my hair in
the corridor. People are
beginning to wonder.

R.S.,

Do you like blue finger-
nails?

L.

To E.B.,

You're the only Jewish
leprechaun I know.

I wouldn't feel right
bringing mah woman into
a place like that.

Oscar,

Have you fallen asleep
in there?

I love me I love me I

love me I love me!

Would Gene and Leslie
please kiss and make up?

Dick,

I love you so very much!

Carol

To Mr. R. Simons in room
201, speak nice to me,
leave me a loan.

A concerned student

To Ed B.,

You're really a great
kid. Keep up the good
work.

A couple of admirers

Hi Diannie Doo from
Linda Loo and Peggy Poo.

An ad appeared on the
front page of the New
York Times:

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prove your care. Send
your picture to ZOOM-
alarm, Box 350, Boston,
Mass. 02134."

Is it true that Mike
Zappia's favorite song
is "I am a Rock."

A.D

Hey Romeo,

How's your screaming
yellow zonker?

C.

J.M.

What happened between
D.L. and you? "Dabe"
Carousing Carol is at it
again.

Boys in 3rd period
English--E.L., W.K., B.Q.

To PHS

Next X-Mas we're going
to deck the halls with
loaves of chale and matzo
balls.

R.K.



wildcat!!

I rose early Saturday, February the seventeenth, maybe because it had snowed the previous day, but probably because it was the first day of winter vacation! Early risings in my book just don't occur on school mornings! Between the yawns, drooping eyelids and the gray dawn of 6:45 A.M., I chanced upon my hidden adventuresome spirit and proceeded to don my Maine hunting boots and other beloved outdoor garb. By

seven A.M., I was walking briskly towards the woods, definitely a new man!

The sun shone brightly on the new fallen snow that morning. I almost wished I had my Foster Grants to keep some of the bright light out of my top-coat pocket where my F. Grants should have been, I squintingly continued, trying to figure out how many ways a can-opener can deflect sunlight.

Expecting to see the

usual array of winter-wildlife (sparrows, starlings and an occasional pigeon), I noticed, much to my surprise, unusual yet familiar cat-tracks in the snow.

Suddenly, I remembered where and when I had last seen these same sized tracks. It was last summer in the sweet living mud, along with the handsome "wildcat" himself, who fled when I laid eyes upon it. Curious now as I was then, I proceeded to follow "wildcat's" wintertime journeys.

Journey he did, in fact, he literally rambled. In every direction, over an expanse of three miles of territory, his tracks were to be found. "Wildcat" was nowhere in sight, however, giving me the notion that he had been up and around hours before I had awakened. He was hungry, that was well understood, because tracks indicated he had chased a variety of ground birds and a rabbit.

Another time, I saw where "wildcat" had crouched down in the snow

and waited, because in an opposite direction, tracks of a rabbit drew near. The rabbit's short hops indicated that he was in no hurry, and was suspecting no subsequent danger. The snow then showed the sign of a great struggle, where "Wildcat" had undoubtedly jumped the bunny. The tracks of the rabbit, who luckily escaped, lead straight and fast into the surrounding bush.

Scenes like this occur everyday in the woodlands. Even though "wildcat" is not really a full-blooded bobcat, but actually a mixture of two kinds of cat, domestic and wild, he is still, as I have observed, an able predator greatly needed in keeping up the natural food-chain. He, along with his brothers, the racoons, skunks, falcons and hawks are just a few of the necessary destroyers in the natural world.

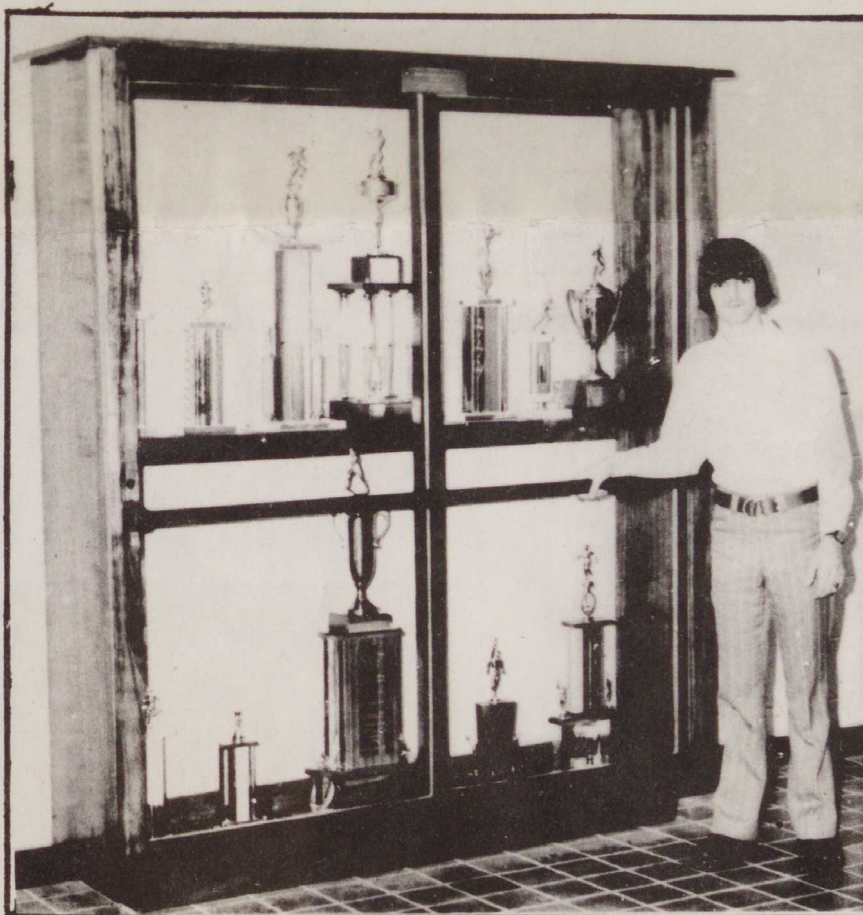
Steve Yaskell



U.N. ESSAYS WIN

On March 26, 1973 the Odd Fellows Lodge in Peabody announced the winners of the United Nations Essay Contest.

This year, there were three winners who will go to the United Nations for one week this summer. They are: Richard Johnson, Deborah Wilson, and Donald Vaughan. Dan Doucette was chosen as an alternate.



Richard Bourgeois, a Senior at Peabody Veterans' Memorial High School, stands beside the trophy case which he built in Wood Shop classes this year. The trophy case has meaning in addition to Richard's accomplishments: it is dedicated to the memory of PVMHS sports star, Leonard Cronin, killed in an auto accident, of the class of 1971. Materials for the case were purchased from a fund collected by the graduates of the Class of 1971. Design and construction were supervised by Wood Shop teacher, George Celata.

PEABODY PLACES 1st IN VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST

For the second year in a row, under the guidance of Mr. Whitmore, Peabody Veterans Memorial High School has placed first and second in the Voice of Democracy contest, which is sponsored by Post #1011 Veterans

of Foreign Wars of Peabody. First place went to Dianne Engell, and second place to Maria Mendosa. Third spot went to Julie Diggins of Bishop Fenwick High School. Nice going kids!

STUDENTS WIN SCIENCE FAIR


Two PVMHS students, Mark Goldberg and Steven Yaskell have been selected to represent the Lowell Technorama Science Fair at M.I.T., on April 13th and 14th.

In addition, Mark Goldberg won a science gold medal emblematic of the top five winners of the Lowell Technorama Science Fair. He also won the Joseph R. Harmon Memorial Award consisting of a \$50 savings bond and United States Air Force Certificate Award.

Steven Yaskell's project was entitled "Body Heat Tolerances of *Gerhontus Biocephalus* in Comparison with *Sauromaulis Obesus*."

Mark Goldberg's project was entitled "The Relationship Between the Respiration Rate of Germ-inated Plant Embryos and the Growth Rate of the Seedling."





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SPORTS

HOCKEY

WRAP-UP

BY DAWN BARRY

With the season at its end, recognition is due to the most outstanding members of the hockey team. Throughout the season, the players received points for every goal and assisted goal they made. In first place, with the greatest number of points, was sophomore Dan Bowman. He received 18 points, a total of 12 goals and 6 assists. While doing this well as a sophomore, by his Senior year, Bowman should be great. Other players, with their records, are as follows:

| Player | Goals | Assists | Points |
|------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| Capt. Ken Spence | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| Mike Prisco | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Ed Jackson | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Ed Sousa | 2 | 9 | 11 |
| Donny Boyle | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| John Leonard | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Gary Ruddock | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| Bob Rougier | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Donny Beckett | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Billy Newell | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Peter Langley | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Kevin Mulhern | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Capt. Tom Murphy | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Blane Clifford | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Jim Thibideau | 0 | 2 | 2 |

The combined effort of the whole team resulted in a really good season. PHS captured third place in the Essex Division, with a record of 11 wins, 7 losses, and 2 ties. The game scores were as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| PHS-4, Lynn English-1 | PHS-1, Marblehead-4 |
| PHS-4, Beverly- 4 | PHS-1, Gloucester-5 |
| PHS-2, St. John's-2 | PHS-3, Lynn English-2 |
| PHS-0, Malden Catholic-9 | PHS-0, Malden Catholic-3 |
| PHS-4, Salem-1 | PHS-7, Salem-2 |
| PHS-5, Lynn Classical-0 | PHS-3, Beverly-0 |
| PHS-8, St. Mary's-0 | PHS-0, St. John's-1 |
| PHS-2, Swampscott-5 | PHS-0, Winthrop-4 |
| PHS-6, Saugus-3 | PHS-4, St. Mary's-0 |
| PHS-3, Danvers-0 | PHS-4, Gloucester-1 |

Statistics on these games combined, are favorable to Peabody. The scoring by periods reads:

| | | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | |
| PHS | 21 | 21 | 19 | Total-61 |
| Opponents | 16 | 17 | 14 | Total-41 |

Shots on net, by periods, reads:

| | | | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | |
| PHS | 168 | 165 | 171 | Total-504 |
| Opponents | 115 | 119 | 121 | Total-355 |

It is also important to note that in the complete season, Peabody had a total of 99 penalties; while opponents totaled 110 penalties.

With the season over, we must congratulate our hockey team for their fine performance throughout the year. Recognition should indeed go to their fine coach, George Kinnaly, and his assistant, Mike Gilligan. They helped the boys through a rough but successful season. Managers Paul Peterson and Dan Wheelan finally complete the team. The records and statistics of each game and season are necessary and without Dan and Paul, the team wouldn't have been complete. Congratulations, PHS hockey team!

GIRLS'

GYMNASTICS

Peabody High School's Girls' Gymnastic Team finished the last half of their season with two wins and two losses. As a result of hours of practice, desire, and determination, the team showed great improvement in comparison to their last four meets. Moreover, Peabody's victories were against Methuen and Lowell by scores of 52-36 and 46-39 respectively. The two losses were to Medford, 51-47 and Masconomet, 58-43. Most of the girls competing on the team were sophomores and juniors, who hopefully will be returning next year. Congratulations to seniors Diane Alexuk and Rosslyn Hall for a fine season with the first year team. Peabody's overall record is three wins and six losses.

Junior, Betty Procopio, was outstanding throughout the gymnastics season, and finished as high scorer. Betty qualified to compete in the Massachusetts Girls Gymnastic Invitational State Individual Meet held March 10, 1973, at Framingham North High School. By doing a handspring vault over the side horse and scoring a 7.25, Betty placed 7th in the event tying with Monica Hamson of Marblehead. Betty also competed in floor exercises. She scored 6.75, but did not place in the event.



GIRLS'

SOFTBALL

BY GENE NIGRELLI

This year's Girls' Softball team will be defending their Essex County League Championship title.

While losing one senior, Coach Lorraine benoit has gained many promising sophomores. Coach Benoit feels the rising interest in softball should magnify since the Peabody High team has improved during their three year history.

Becky Shute and Jan Harrington will be the team's prime hurlers, and completing the battery will be Linda Previt and Cheryl Cronin.

The only question mark on the team is first baseman, Paula Keating, who is making a terrific comeback from a knee injury. The infield quartet will consist of Paula Keating, Cheryl Cronin, second base, Rose Raymond, short stop, and Julia Macrinatis, third base.

Taking the outfield will be Linda Cullen, Jill Bergin, and Laura Nizwantowski. Balanced both offensively and defensively, the team should fare well.

This being possibly their last year in the Essex County League because of League alignments, the Tanners will be striving to keep their title.

Rivals such as Salem, Beverly, and Lynn English are slated on the Tanners 18 game schedule.

Girls' Softball Schedule

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| April | 12 | PHS-Beverly |
| | 24 | PHS-Lawrence |
| | 27 | Willmington-PHS |
| May | 1 | Lynn-PHS |
| | 3 | PHS-Salem |
| | 4 | N. Reading-PHS |
| | 8 | Bishop Fenwick-PHS |
| | 10 | Haverhill-PHS |
| | 11 | PHS-N. Reading |
| | 15 | PHS-Beverly |
| | 17 | Lawrence-PHS |
| | 22 | PHS-Lynnfield |
| | 24 | PHS-Lynn |
| | 25 | PHS-Willmington |
| | 29 | Salem-PHS |
| | 31 | PHS-Bishop Fenwick |
| June | 5 | PHS-Haverhill |
| | 7 | Beverly-PHS |